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THE PERFECT POSTER



ON A QUEST: Sophomore Elizabeth Simon browses through some posters at the annual poster sale. The poster sale is going on this week in room 228 of the Union.

Brandon Heiss BG News

BGSU lost its chance

Library Archives declined Tiger Force papers in fall 2002

By Laura Hoesman
SENIOR REPORTER

Jerome Library officials refused the chance to permanently house a 30,000-page collection of original Vietnam War trial papers in October 2002.

The Col. Henry Tufts collection included thousands of original documents from such felony investigations as the My Lai massacre and the Tiger Force platoon, as well as other war crimes committed during the Vietnam War.

Papers from the Tiger Force investigation led three Toledo Blade reporters to expose the platoon's war crimes — and win the Pulitzer Prize in 2003.

Blade Science Editor Michael Woods offered the documents to the Library's Center for Archival Collections, knowing that other libraries were tremendously interested in the Vietnam War-era papers.

Woods had inherited the documents from his friend, Col. Henry Tufts, the first head of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, who oversaw every felony trial of the Vietnam War, lawfully keeping thousands of classified papers.

Tufts later declassified the papers, and they sat in his home in Virginia until his death in 2002.

Due to his close ties with the University, which gave him an honorary degree in 1992, Woods picked the Jerome Library Archive as his first choice to house his inherited collection.

When the Jerome Library refused his donation, Woods was astonished.

"I was dumbfounded," he said. "I was aware at that point of how

willing the Library of Congress was to have the documents. I thought this would be a boon for the University."

But instead of driving to the Jerome Library archive to research the Tufts papers, the reporters had to make the longer trip to the University of Michigan's Labadie Collection.

"I think it was Bowling Green's loss and Michigan's gain that this happened," said former Blade reporter Michael Sallah, adding that if the Jerome Library had taken the documents, he would have been spared a lot of time behind the wheel.

"The University of Michigan jumped at the opportunity to get these records, because they knew they were valuable," Sallah said. "There are no other records like these that exist, other than copies. These are the originals of the My Lai investigation, as well as the Tiger Force case."

University History Professor Gary Hess believes the Tufts documents would have been an invaluable research tool for University students — and would have put BGSU on the map for national scholars interested in these Vietnam War-era papers.

"I think we would have benefited by having documents that would be valuable for student research projects," Hess said. "In addition to student projects, the papers would have been valuable to scholars."

When Woods contacted the University and detailed the contents of the documents, he received an e-mail from Library Dean Lorraine Harricombe, which said the documents would be, "reviewed ... within

the framework of our special collections including our archival collections, and policies."

When he heard nothing more from the University for several days, Woods sent another e-mail to Harricombe.

The Library Dean replied, saying she had just returned from a meeting where the "final decision" was made to decline the documents.

"The content of this collection falls outside the scope of our mission," Harricombe stated in her e-mail to Woods. "It was our archivist's opinion that the collection would best be placed in the U.S. Army Archives."

Vice President of the University, Linda Dobb, who oversees the University Libraries, said she was not informed the Tufts documents had been offered to the University in fall 2002.

In speaking to Sallah, Dobb commented that if the reporter ever needed a place to store documents, University Libraries would be willing to house his research papers.

He replied that University Libraries had already been offered the papers.

"I was not in the loop," Dobb said. "I did all this research about why we didn't have these papers. Nobody in the Library seemed to have remembered about these papers."

Those in the loop were Harricombe and Ann Bowers, who was the University Archivist at the time.

Harricombe said the University legal counsel was also

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Tips to get hired

Career Center hosts discussion to help students find jobs

By Laura Collins
SENIOR REPORTER

A panel discussion brought to the University by the Career Center informed students through expertise and humor how to be prepared for their job search, and the upcoming job and internship fair.

In the discussion, three panelists gave tips on cover letters, resumes, interviews and "working the Expo." The panelists included Melissa Beam, who is the primary recruiter for NVR Homes; JoAnn Kroll, director of Career Center; and David Stanford, associate director of co-op education and internship programs at the Career Center.

When it comes to writing an effective resume, Beam suggests limiting it to one page. Include internships, co-ops, as well as relevant courses that have had semester-long projects.

She added that putting a grade point average on a resume is helpful if it is high, but not harmful if it is not. An interview offers an opportunity to explain why grades might not be exceptional.

"Good grades are helpful, but they do not indicate the type of employee you will be,"

Stanford said.

He added that a resume should be neat, clean and easy to read. He also suggested that students use parents' connections to help with networking. Having someone within the organization hand deliver a student's resume is much more effective than mailing it, Stanford said.

"This is not the time to try to do things by yourself," Stanford said. "Go to the bathroom by yourself, let your parents help you with networking."

Concerning cover letters, Kroll said one must be included with a resume that is mailed or e-mailed. A cover letter should contain three things: Why a resume was mailed to that organization, what qualities the applicant could bring to the organization and request for an interview.

Kroll adds that a follow-up phone call after mailing a resume can set a person apart.

Call the employer and make sure the resume was received, tell them about yourself and ask for an interview, Kroll said.

Beam added that at Expo, a student's presentation is just as important as resume and cover letter.

"There is nothing more powerful than a good introduction, a strong hand shake and a smile,"

JOB, PAGE 2

President hosts at new mansion

BGSU signs vague agreement with city to help community grow

By Kristina Vasilakis
REPORTER

Yesterday evening, President Sidney Ribeau held Community Collaboration Day at the presidential mansion to sign an "agreement of collaboration" document proclaiming the unity between city leaders and University officials to strive for a better community.

Several community leaders who attended the signing included Elaine Skoog from the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, Paul Windisch from the Board of Education, and Senators Randy Gardner and Bob Latta.

The evening began early with refreshments and time for the guests to tour the presidential mansion before the speeches and the signing of the document began.

Alex Wright, former USG President, was hosting some of the tours and providing information about the house. The tours were of interest to guests because this was the first major event hosted at the new mansion.

"Many of the pieces from the old house are still here. Some are new, but it all belongs to the University," Wright said.

Ribeau gladly hosted the event at his house and allowed guests

to walk around at their leisure. As guests wandered around the house, many commented about the large chandeliers, marble floors in the foyer and vast five-acre property. And for most guests it was the first time entering Ribeau's new home.

"The reason we are meeting here rather than on campus is intentional, one is because of the new university house — people were curious and wanted to see the house," Ribeau said.

After the refreshment hour and the tours were finished, guests gathered in the living room as Ribeau opened with a speech before the signing of the agreement.

Ribeau began his speech by stressing the importance of BGSU and the city of Bowling Green coming together to create jobs and keeping high school and college students rooted in Bowling Green after graduation.

"Today is a day very important to the heart and soul of BGSU," Ribeau said. "We have individuals here today that are all essential in enhancing the quality of life."

As part of these collaborative efforts, the University will include residents in programs on campus like the BGSU music plus program, and extending use of the ice arena. There were few other specific examples offered as to what these collaborative efforts will include.

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Jordan Flower BG News

BONDING TOGETHER: President Sidney Ribeau addresses city and state officials last night.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

WEDNESDAY



Sunny

High: 84°
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THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 82°
Low: 60°

FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 76°
Low: 57°

SATURDAY



Isolated T-Storms

High: 80°
Low: 59°

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City leaders look toward future for BG

RIBEAU, FROM PAGE 1

Ribeau continued to talk about the importance of community leaders and the University making a partnership to create a better Bowling Green before he introduced those who were signing the document.

Following a large applause, Sen. Randy Gardner and Rep. Bob Latta both were in agreement about the new programs between the University and the community.

"We need to make this a better place, not just for northwest Ohio, but in the nation," Latta said.

The six signers each presented a short speech before the end of the ceremony. Tom Blaha of the Wood County Economic Development Facility, was one of the final speakers before the signing.

"This is the tip of the iceberg what we're seeing today," Blaha said. "It (this agreement) makes my job of selling Wood County easier."

USG pushes CART, revives cause

Senators revive their quest to combat rising tuition this year

By Andrea Slivka
REPORTER

Ride the CART, Niki Messmore, at-large senator, urged members of the Undergraduate Student Government.

Last night at the USG meeting, Messmore spoke to the senators about supporting the Coalition Against Rising Tuition.

CART was founded in January 2004 by members of USG and the Graduate Student Senate who wanted to take action against the penny sales tax repeal.

This year, CART's goal is to fight state cuts to higher education by informing state representatives about how the cuts affect students, Messmore said.

Legislators should be reminded that students care about funding for higher education, Messmore said.

Students should take action against state funding cuts, because two things happen when state funding is cut, Messmore said. First, tuition increases and then on-campus programs and services get cut.

This pattern can be seen in the university's recent history.

In 1989, the state funded about 57 percent of the university's budget costs, and tuition and fees covered the remaining about 43 percent of costs, according to Messmore. But last spring, the University estimated the state would fund about 36 percent and tuition and fees would cover the remaining 64 percent.

Services that have suffered recently because of state funding cuts include the Women's Center and the Victim's Advocate Program.

On December 31, 2004, the state grant funding the Women's Center was cut, and because the University was unable to cover the lost funding, the Women's Center lost its secretary and abil-

ity to have a full time Director.

Last year, state cuts almost resulted in the loss of the Victims' Advocate's position until the student-run Victims' Advocate Longevity Effort raised funds to keep the position.

But legislators often don't hear about the program cuts or about how tuition increases makes it difficult for students as they do when funding to K-12 is cut.

When K-12 funding is cut "It's a big issue, and (legislators) have tons of people telling their legislators from superintendents to teachers to parents," Messmore said. But, "when they cut higher education funding, they don't hear anything."

To help students voices be heard, CART plans to conduct letter-writing campaigns and bring legislators to campus so they can hear the students' stories first hand.

Messmore thinks it's important for legislators to come to the University because it "will give them a better way to see why

funding higher education is so important."

The personal interaction between students and legislators will also help change the negative image many legislators have of college students.

"They think of us as the people who throw beer cans on the lawn," Messmore said. "We want the legislators to see the average kids — the kids who are going to class, playing video games, and working."

CART has already brought legislators to campus last spring and has conducted two letter-writing campaigns, the first in spring 2004 and the second in spring 2005.

The previous letter-writing campaigns have been effective and legislators "are beginning to notice that university students care," Messmore said.

In spring 2005, CART also brought legislators traveled to Columbus and lobbied legislators to provide more funding.

To help out-of-town students talk directly to their own representatives, the Board of Trustees members have discussed the possibility teaming up with students and personally going with them to talk to legislators, according to Raquel Colon, undergraduate student representative on the Board of Trustees.

Board members can either go with students from their own districts, they can also go with students from another district, Colon said.

Students and board members teaming up could have more of an impact on legislators because it could really "help legislators see what difference it makes to students."

Trustee members are more likely to try to team up with students if Trustee members hear that students are interested in doing this, Colon said. Ways that students can show their interest is by contacting USG, Linda Dobb, assistant vice-president and trustee secretary, or Larry Weiss, associate vice-president of governmental affairs and university relations.

Messmore encourages students to get involved in fighting state funding cuts.

"We need a lot of voices because that's the way that Columbus is going to hear us," Messmore said.

At the meeting, senators also talked encouraging voter registration, work study cuts this year, and the upcoming Board of Trustee meeting in one week and a half to decide the issue of mandatory student health insurance.

Students interested in CART can contact Messmore at nmessmo@bgsu.edu.

Greek Awards

International and National Award Recipients within the Greek Community

Congratulations to the following chapters:

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority for receiving:

- National Council Trophy Finalist
- Hollis A. Philanthropy Award

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority for receiving:

- Ruby Award for top 20% of all Alpha Omicron Pi chapters
- Initiation Honor Roll
- Quota Honor Roll
- Alumnae Advisory Committee Outstanding Performance
- Housing Corporation Board Outstanding Performance
- 100% participation in senior class giving to Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation
- Beverly Hatcher named Outstanding Alpha Omicron Pi Chapter Advisor

Alpha Xi Delta Sorority for receiving:

- Order of Quill
- Financial Efficiency
- Chapter Quota
- 100% participation with Senior Challenge
- Second highest senior contribution to National Fraternity
- All A's Scholar Disc-Megan Houghtaling for 2003-2004 academic year
- 2005 Alpha Xi Delta Foundation-Kathryn Faul Wallace Award for Outstanding Financial Advisor-Jill Bortel
- 2004-2005 Alumnae Appreciation Award-Jill Bortel
- 2005 Advisor Excellence Award-Jill Bortel

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity for receiving:

- Scholastic Achievement Citation
- Parent Relations Citation
- Campus Involvement Citation
- Brotherhood Development Citation
- Service Citation

Delta Chi Fraternity for receiving:

- Most Man Hours Region Six
- Most Points Region Six

Delta Zeta Sorority for receiving:

- Best Attendance
- Delta Zeta Sorority Region V Most Improved G.P.A. Award
- Delta Zeta Region V Membership Award
- Delta Zeta Pride of Region V

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority for receiving:

- Kappa Kappa Gamma Public Relations Award
- Ohio Reads Award

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity for receiving:

- North American Food Drive Award
- Chapter Involvement Award

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity for receiving:

- General Headquarters Trophy
- Improvement Citation
- House Improvement Award

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. for receiving:

- Zetas Helping Other People to Excel (Z-Hope) Award
- Outstanding Chapter Report Award
- Most Chapter Member Attendance Award

Recruiters give tips

JOBS, FROM PAGE 1

Beam said.

She said that students attending the job fair should know their resumes inside and out and be prepared to give a 30 second synopsis of themselves.

The panel added that appropriate clothing for the Expo and other job interviews include: A suit for men and a skirt or pant suit for women, shoes that "can hold a shine" for men and heels that can be walked in for women. They also advise against short skirts, cleavage, wrinkles in clothing and baggy pants.

In general, you don't want your outfit to be the focus of the interview, Beam said.

During the interview, Kroll suggested asking questions that are specific and related to the organization.

Bream said asking about compensation during an interview can be a deterrent and ruin the flow of the interview.

She suggested asking about pay after being offered the position.

Chris Campbell, senior, will be graduating in August and found the discussion helpful and informative.

"I liked it because it gave an insider's approach to hiring," Campbell said. "It is good to get different perspectives, especially of the person making the decisions."

The panelists also wanted to stress that it is never too early to start planning for graduation and taking advantages of the resources on campus that help.

The Expo Job Fair will take place Sept. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Perry Field House. The career center will hold a workshop, "How to Work a Job Fair," tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room 201A of the Union.

For more information about the career center and their upcoming events, visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/career.

Library said 'no' to Tiger Force papers

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contacted for advice regarding the documents.

Nancy Footer, legal counsel at the time for BGSU, is now vice chancellor and general counsel at the University of North Texas System.

According to Sallah, Footer said the documents could lead to legal liability for the University if the Blade was sued for anything the reporters printed in articles using information from the documents.

Footer did not return phone calls from The BG News for this story.

But for Harricombe, the more important issue for her was how well the documents would fit into the archive, not legal aspects of the acquisition.

Harricombe said she took Woods' e-mail to Bowers to see if the Tufts Documents would complement the archive's other papers, adding that Dobb was not deliberately excluded from making the decision.

"Lorraine sent me the series of e-mails and then we talked," Bowers said. "There wasn't any doubt, I think, in either of our minds that this was an extremely, extremely important and valuable collection."

At the time, however, the documents did not seem to fit with the archive's mission to house documents with ties to northwest Ohio.

"It didn't fit well with our collecting mission," Bowers said. "This was a collection that needed to be in an institution that had a lot of staffing and support so it could be processed right away."

Surprised by the University's decision, Woods said the

University of Michigan was his next choice to keep the documents, because of its relatively close proximity to Toledo.

"I wanted my company — the Toledo Blade — to have easy access to the documents," he said.

In fact, Woods stipulated that the Blade would have exclusive access to the documents for the first six months they were housed in Michigan's Labadie Collection, to give Blade reporters the scoop on any new information contained in the papers.

"There was at least one Pulitzer Prize in those papers," Woods said.

Kathleen Dow, head of archival processing for Michigan's Labadie Collection, watched as Sallah studied the Tufts documents day after day.

"The reporter (Sallah) came and spent quite a long time with them (the Tufts Documents)," Dow said. "I think because the Labadie Collection accepted this collection and made it available for the public ... we are part of the history of exposing what was happening during the Vietnam War."

Harricombe and Bowers said they would have been more willing to accept the documents if they had been offered after the Blade's articles were published.

Hess wishes those who decided to refuse the documents had considered the papers' potential.

"The papers are important because they force Americans to confront American warfare at its worst," Hess said. "It's hard for me to understand why the University would not have grabbed the papers."

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112 Life Science

At Offenhauer East at 1:06 a.m. Saturday, Micheal Neiderkorn of Eastlake was cited for possession of

A resident of McDonald North residence hall reported that a male refused to leave when asked. The man was gone when officers arrived Saturday at 1:38

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"My fear is that this will spread across the country like a virus. This just shows how the anti-civil rights' machinery is in motion."

Rev. Jesse Jackson on Georgia's new law which requires voters to present ID
(Associated Press)

OPINION

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Library misses big opportunity

When the University staff turned down the opportunity to accept a 30,000-page collection of original Vietnam war documents into its library, they must not have realized what a mistake they were making.

Or did they? These papers, from which three Toledo Blade writers drew research for their Pulitzer prize-winning feature on the Tiger Force investigation, could be collecting dust in our very own Jerome Library right now.

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the University made a wise decision in turning down possession of original Vietnam War documents? Send an E-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think.

But they aren't here. Instead, the documents belong to the University of Michigan's Labadie Collection. How could University officials

let an opportunity to house such valuable documents slip through their fingers?

Library officials consulted with the University legal counsel after being offered the collection. This led to a hesitance to accept the documents.

The initial fear was that the University could be sued for anything the Blade reporters took from the papers and used in their feature.

It seems odd, though, that while BGSU had so many

legal concerns pertaining to these papers, the University of Michigan apparently had none, as they snatched up the collection immediately after our University turned it down.

While precautions like these are sometimes necessary, it seems that the University's decision here was made both hastily and prematurely, without thought as to what benefit housing these documents could have.

Linda Dobb, Vice President of the University, said she was not

even contacted about the offer. By the time she found out, it was too late to accept.

Perhaps better consultation between University officials could have placed these documents in our school's possession today.

Library officials also said that the papers were rejected on the basis that they would not "fit" in the "collecting mission" of the Jerome Library.

But regardless of whether the University Libraries staff feel they have the capacity to store

these documents, or even, it is bewildering that the University would not simply prepare their archives accordingly and take on the collection.

This collection could have provided vast research opportunities for students and scholars alike, along with quite a bit of prestige for BGSU.

So while these documents may have been a better "fit" for another institution, the Jerome Library should have been more than willing to accommodate them.

New voting legislation boasts ulterior motives in Georgia



MEGAN SCHMIDT

Opinion Editor

What could cause a group of African-American legislators to storm out of Georgia's state Capitol last spring?

Had segregation been called back into practice?

Had slavery been re-instituted?

Had the Jim Crow laws resurfaced to become official amendments to the state constitution?

While none of these incidents actually took place, to members of the state legislature on that particular day, something nearly as ghastly did happen.

Last spring, Georgia passed a law which exempts citizens without proper identification from being able to vote.

"Proper identification," which used to be recognized by 17 types of ID, including everything from Social Security cards to birth certi-

cates, is now limited to just 6 different forms.

And in order to cast a ballot, this law requires that the ID include a photograph.

So to vote in Georgia, one needs either a drivers' license or state-issued ID.

Republican lawmakers and Governor Sonny Perdue insist that this measure is being taken to prevent "voter fraud" in their state.

But what anyone can see is that this is a ploy by the GOP to disenfranchise the groups who vote for them the least — namely blacks, the elderly and the poor.

And it's a smart one.

Statistics show that blacks are less likely than whites to possess a drivers' license. They're also less likely to have the means or the money to go get a state ID.

Because how do people who can't drive transport themselves to one of the 58 motor vehicle offices in all of Georgia's 159 counties where they can obtain that ID?

Let's not forget that none of those locations exist in Atlanta,

where a largely poor, African-American populace resides.

And how about the fact that a state ID costs \$20 for a five-year card?

But if you want a ten-year card, the state will give it to you for the reduced price of \$35.

Not everyone can fork over \$35 at a time, or even \$20 for that matter. But between the two, why should the person who can pay more up front get the discount?

Something just isn't right about this new law.

Sure, it could prevent these minorities from voting if they can't get a ride or come up with the cash, but there's more to it than just that.

Even though Georgia passed this legislation months ago, it was only last week that the federal Justice Department approved it.

Because of Georgia's shady past with suppressing the minority vote (i.e. poll taxes, literacy tests and the harassment of black voters in general), the Voting Rights Act of 1965 established that any modifications to state voting laws had

"The Justice Department has shown it will happily ignore a constitutional amendment if it means solidifying the Republican stronghold."

to first pass through the Justice Department.

This voting law violates the same act which forces it through the Justice Department in the first place. The Voting Rights Act is supposed to assure that no one will be disenfranchised because of race, but that's precisely what Georgia's law accomplishes.

And our federal government will not even step in.

So not only is Georgia trying to legislate discrimination, but now the federal government is chiming in, saying, "Sounds good to us."

But Governor Perdue and the Republican legislators of Georgia don't even have a convincing motive. They argue that past problems with voter fraud led to the decision, but this is a flimsy cover.

Georgia's secretary of state Cathy Cox said she had not stumbled across any recent cases of voter fraud.

According to Cox, the only route of ballot-casting which caused any such troubles were absentee forms — which ironically are more often submitted by Republicans than Democrats.

Yet the laws for casting absentee ballots remain unchanged.

Voter fraud just isn't the big issue that it's being made out to be. This legislation has nothing to do with ensuring the integrity of voting — it's about blocking the votes that cause a shift in Republican power.

With portions of the Voting Rights Act expiring as soon as 2007, there's no reason to think that other red states won't soon follow suit with similar laws.

And what's to stop them?

It's not just the Voting Rights Act that this type of law violates — it also conflicts with Amendment 24 of the U.S. Constitution, since it subjects citizens to an unnecessary fee to vote.

By permitting such laws to take effect, the Justice Department has shown it will happily ignore a constitutional amendment if it means solidifying the Republican stronghold.

Organizations such as the NAACP and the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials have begun protesting and filing lawsuits, but to what avail?

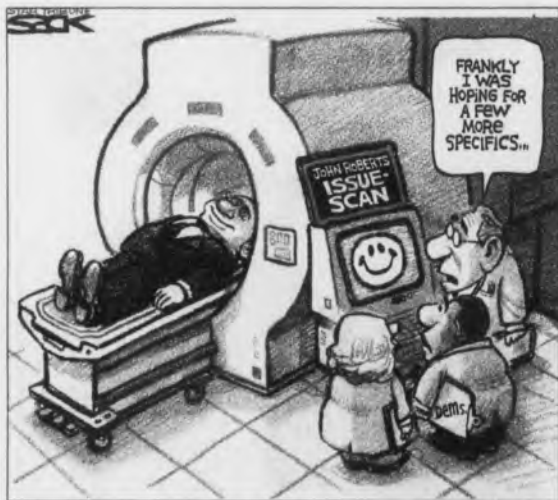
This legislation — and the all the individuals who helped to pass it — has a message, and it's loud and clear for those groups to hear:

You don't have money or power.

There's nothing you can do to change that.

We will never care what you think.

Send comments to Megan at schmmeg@bgsu.edu



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ANDY CROCKETT
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"Ahmo's in Ann Arbor."



MAPLE WALKER
JUNIOR,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
"Burger King."



BRIGITTE PRINCI
SOPHOMORE,
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"Pita Pit."

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Softball goes 4-0

The BGSU softball team went 4-0 — including three shutouts — in a tournament at Bowling Green's Carter Park this weekend. On Saturday, the Falcons defeated Findlay, 6-0; Hillsdale, 1-0; and Miami-Hamilton, 11-0. BG capped off the weekend with a 6-1 over Toledo on Sunday.

Freshman Haley Wiemer and senior Liz Vrabel combined to allow only four hits on the mound in Saturday's victories. Wiemer also homered and drove in three runs against Toledo, while Lindsay Heimrich and Lauren Hoffman both had an RBI.

Bland Bucks put fans to sleep



RYAN AUTULLO

Asst. Sports Editor

If the scandalous Ohio State football team can no longer think of ways to spark an NCAA investigation, they should seriously consider signing a contract to be the posterboy of a sleeping pill.

Well, the defense can find an alternative way of getting in trouble. The Buckeye offense is doing fine on its own in the ongoing quest to cure insomnia.

Despite an offense with alleged speed and excitement at every skilled position, OSU has often appeared lost this season when attempting to advance the ball — drawing just criticism from fans who expected to witness points coming in excessive measures for the first time since John Cooper roamed the Horseshoe. Instead, the Buckeye faithful has been treated to an offense matched in smoothness of the toilet paper in campus buildings and dorms.

Wide receivers Santonio Holmes and Ted Ginn Jr. should consider playing soccer as they rarely get to use their hands on the football field. They have yet to be put on a pedestal because of the conservative play-calling synonymous with the Jim Tressel era. Line up every college football player on a track and Ginn will probably win. But instead of OSU coaches utilizing his uncanny speed by having quarterback Troy Smith throw long passes, Ginn, a supposed Heisman candidate, routinely runs short routes.

Everyone got a good laugh a couple years ago when Tressel claimed the punt is the most important play in football. Tressel's taken the joke too far, though. Tressel has mightily abused his kicking and punting games because of their respective successes. For whatever reason, he hasn't given that same trust to his offense.

A bland offense is a recurring theme in the Tressel era, but it was easier to forgive the coach for his conservative nature when the 2002 national championship was still fresh in the minds of Buckeye fans. But Columbus has a short memory and despite the early-season loss to Texas, Tressel and Co. have the make-up of a team capable of winning its second title in four years.

The defense is stingy, and Smith — when he's not suspended — is one of the most versatile quarterbacks in college football. Ironically, he orchestrates the nation's most right-wing offense. Smith doesn't get nearly enough credit for his strong arm, probably because he rarely showcases it. His performance against Michigan last year (13-of-23, 241 yards), in which he burned Wolverine defenders with beautiful touch on long passes, should have been a sign of things to come this year in Columbus.

The 2002 team was predicated on tremendous defense and special teams and an offense willing to do just enough to win. But that offense routinely came up with clutch plays in the fourth quarter — something this year's version can avoid by putting games out of reach early.

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Jordan says it all with his play

Big hits speak louder than words for senior cornerback

By Jessica Ameling
REPORTER

When Jelani Jordan steps on the football field, he isn't thinking about making a name for himself or trash-talking the opposing team. His only focus is helping BGSU win the Mid-American Conference championship, one tackle at a time.

"I'm not really a big 'rah-rah' guy," Jordan said. "I just go out there, play hard, and I don't say much. I like some glory once in a while, but I don't play for the glory."

The senior starting cornerback leads the team with 10 solo tackles after two games this year. He earned player-of-the-game honors from the coaching staff after recording six tackles in a 40-31 win over Ball State on Sept. 10.

"He is a really sure tackler. He did a great job," coach Gregg Brandon said of Jordan's performance against Ball State. "Jelani is a veteran, he just quietly does his job, tackles well, defends well and plays the pass well."

For the 5-foot-10, 176-pound Jordan, the best part about playing defense is hitting people, a skill he has nearly perfected during his career, in which he has recorded 185 tackles.

"I just go hard and throw my body," Jordan said. "If I make the tackle I make it. I'm not worried about missing it."

The Atlanta native has been an essential part of BG's defense from the moment he stepped on campus, playing in every game as a true freshman while recording 24 tackles. His sophomore year he was third on the team with 84 tackles, including a career-high 15 stops against

Kent State. Last season Jordan recorded 64 tackles and led the MAC with 15 pass break-ups.

This year, Jordan is passing along his knowledge to another player, true-freshman Antonio Smith. Smith is making an instantaneous impact on the Falcon's defense, illustrated in a game-winning interception return in the win over Ball State. Jordan said his cornerback counterpart is a very talented player. Jordan simply tries to correct Smith's mistakes and answer any questions he may have.

"They're a lot alike as far as personality, and I think Antonio has a lot of respect for the way [Jelani] plays and the way he prepares," defensive backs coach John Bowers said. "When Antonio's had problems this year, you look at the guy who always grabs him and talks to

him and that's Jelani."

Smith said he looks up to Jordan, and also likes to joke around with him.

"We look out for each other," he said. "If I have a question about coverage, I'll ask him. And I'll learn what to do to get the coverage right."

Bowers said Jordan has always been a very focused player and someone the rest of the defense feeds off of.

"He is a steady influence on everybody," Bowers said. "He never gets rattled, he knows the defense inside and out and he always says the right thing at the right time for our group."

Although Jordan is focusing on leading BG to a conference championship and making it

to the NFL, he said the best part about playing college football is the friendships with his teammates.

"It's fun kickin' it, and to chill with your teammates all the time. We play for each other," he said.

Bowers is confident in Jordan's ability to lead the Falcons to the MAC title, through both his play on the field and his example to other players at practice.

"You don't appreciate Jelani unless you coach him because you just appreciate how he practices," Bowers said. "He's just a real solid person, real steady influence, and we'll go as far as he takes us."

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JOHN BOWERS,
ASSISTANT COACH



JELANI JORDAN
CORNERBACK

WOMEN'S SOCCER

BG splits weekend pair

Falcons blank Cleveland State, get shutout by Indiana

By Danielle Tanner
REPORTER

After dominating a clearly inferior Cleveland State squad 6-0 Friday, the BGSU women's soccer team found themselves at the other end of the scoreboard, losing 2-0 to Indiana on Sunday.

Friday's match proved to be a full-squad effort, as multiple Falcons logged minutes in the game. Five different players scored for the Falcons.

"It's nice to get a lot of different goal-scorers," BGSU coach Andy Richards said. "It's nice to be able to get some people on the field and give them an opportunity to show what they've got because it helps us learn a lot about what other players we have on the team as we go into the second half of the season."

Britt Anderson led the way for the Falcons, scoring 3:17 into the game when she sent a free kick over CSU keeper Erin Withrow to give BG an early lead.

At 26:12, freshman Corbie Yee notched her first collegiate goal, heading in a corner kick from Julie Trundle. Two minutes later, Samantha Meister sent a ball into the box, finding Lindsay Carter, who knocked it in from about three yards out.

Continuing to bombard the Viking goal, Tiernay Tilford's shot on goal rebounded to teammate Kristin McDonald, who found the net to make



Josh Phillips BG News

HEADS UP: BG's Britt Anderson uses her head during the Falcons' win over Cleveland State on Friday. Anderson had two goals in the game.

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Browns have faith in new head coach

By Joe Milicia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — It took 25 years in the NFL for Romeo Crennel to get his first win as a head coach.

So it was only appropriate that quarterback Trent Dilfer gave Crennel the game ball after Cleveland upset Green Bay 26-24 on Sunday.

Even more fitting though was that Crennel gave the ball right back.

"As soon as Trent gave it to me, I said, 'This game ball belongs to the 2005 Cleveland Browns,' because it was a team effort," Crennel said. "I think that they deserve it because they are the ones who applied themselves, went to Green Bay and were able to pull out that victory."

Crennel's gesture embodied the team-first attitude he's been trying to instill in an organization that had been searching for an identity through six mostly dismal seasons.

His unselfishness certainly made an impression on his players.

"It talked about the kind of man that he is and as a player you always want this kind of coach," rookie wide receiver Braylon Edwards said yesterday. "You always dream to play for this kind of coach."

Edwards was one of several players who spoke of their admiration for the former New England defensive coordinator.

"It seems like he's been a head coach for 20 years," Dilfer said. "He knows what buttons

to push, and he treats us with a great deal of respect."

Although Crennel's wait to become a head coach was a long one, the wait for his first win was shorter than expected and came in the most unlikely of places — Lambeau Field, where the Browns were 0-5 dating back to 1964.

In addition to receiving and giving back the game ball, Crennel was doused with Gatorade by offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon after the win.

"He took it with good spirits," center Jeff Faine said.

But Crennel spoke stoically to reporters afterward and again showed little emotion yesterday. He said he took some time to reflect on the win during the flight home, but didn't do anything to celebrate other than enjoy congratulatory phone calls from his wife and daughters.

"You don't have time to celebrate in the NFL," he said. "You go home, get into bed and wake up the next morning to break down the film. Then you start getting ready for Indianapolis. If you do anything different, chances are you will be sorry the next week."

It's a mantra that his players parroted in the locker room yesterday.

"We are excited, but there are more games left," guard Joe Andruzzi said. "You can't focus on this one. You have to put it behind you and you have to go on to the next one."

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JOE ANDRUZZI, GUARD

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Power outage could be linked to stricter steroid testing

By Ronald Blum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball had a brownout this year, with home runs dropping to their lowest level in eight years.

Is there a link between the power outage and tougher steroid testing?

"A lot of guys who were hitting them haven't been hitting them,"

Florida's Lenny Harris said. "I think the drug policy had a lot to do with it. It changed a lot of guys' diets. There are too many people having off years."

An average of 2.06 homers per game were hit through Sunday, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, down 8 1/2 percent from last season's final average of 2.25. The figure hasn't been so low

since it dipped to 2.05 in 1997.

"I think it's cyclical," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "It's very hard to determine what variables are at work here. I don't think anyone really knows, and it's hard to draw a conclusion."

Some players point to the first year of steroid testing with penalties for first offenders. Nine players have been suspended for

10 days each for violating the major league policy.

Gene Orza, the chief operating officer of the players association, said linking steroid testing to the home-run average is too simplistic and pointed out that this year's level is only slightly lower than the 2.09 average for 2002.

"The numbers are essentially the same as they were three years

ago, before there was testing, and in those three years players have been tested a massive number of times," he said. "You might want to consider other possibilities for home run production: the players are bigger because of training regimen, the ballparks are smaller, bat manufacture and

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Palmer out as O.C. in Texas

By Kristie Rieken
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Houston Texans fired offensive coordinator Chris Palmer yesterday following the team's second straight embarrassing loss.

Joe Pendry, the team's offensive line coach, was introduced as his replacement by coach Dom Capers yesterday afternoon.

"We have not performed up to our expectations," Capers said. "We needed to make an adjustment to help us move forward in the direction we want to go."

Capers and quarterback David Carr agreed that offense needs to be more consistent and hope this change will facilitate that.

Palmer, who had been the offensive coordinator since the team's inception, also called the plays.

The Texans lost to Pittsburgh 27-7 on Sunday after losing to Buffalo 22-7 in the opener. Houston has averaged the fewest yards (170.5), fewest passing yards (66.5) and points (7) in the NFL through its first two games.



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PALMER'S OUT: Houston Texans offensive line coach Joe Pendry, left, speaks about his new role as offensive coordinator after taking over for former Browns head coach Chris Palmer, who was fired yesterday.

In Sunday's game, Carr appeared to be confused. He was sacked eight times — the most since the expansion year in 2002 and one shy of the most in the team's 50-game history.

Against Buffalo, Houston allowed five sacks and had five turnovers.

Carr said he didn't like the feeling he's had the last two weeks and that he's happy with any change that will improve the team.

"I just want to get back to where we feel good about going out on Sundays," Carr said. "Feel like we have a chance to go out

and compete against the teams that we feel like we're just as good as."

Palmer joined the Texans after being fired after one season as coach of the Cleveland Browns.

Capers said he's been "evaluating the big picture" for a while and that this decision is a culmination of Houston's poor performance in a season-ending loss to Cleveland, in the preseason and the first two games.

He said over that period it became "apparent to me that things weren't working."

Houston has a bye this week before traveling to Cincinnati on Oct. 2. Capers said the extra week of preparation made it the "logical time" to make a change.

Pendry was the offensive coordinator under Capers for three seasons at Carolina. He spent 1998-2000 in the same position with Buffalo.

In his first season with Buffalo, the Bills improved from 25th in the NFL in offense to sixth and reached the playoffs.

Pendry said that he hates to do the job under the conditions.

Anderson begins halves with goals

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the score 4-0 entering halftime.

Despite the score, Richards had some concerns to address at the break.

"We talked at halftime about [how] we were winning, but we weren't winning because we were a better soccer team, we were winning because we were just better players," Richards said. "The collective effort wasn't as good as we had hoped for. The second half, I think the collective effort was much better."

When the game resumed, it was Anderson who once again opened a half with a goal. She headed in a ball from Ashley Wentzel just :31 into the period. Fifteen minutes later, Wentzel found Meister for another header to put the Falcons ahead 6-0.

"Even though we didn't score as many goals [in the] second half, we played better," Richards said. "We scored some good goals, rather than just beating them because."

Sunday's game notwithstanding, Richards is happy with how far the team has come in non-

conference play.

"I'm happy with the way the team is progressing," he said. "We're playing at a higher level than we were playing a few weeks ago — and that's encouraging."

Despite the Falcons forward progression, the Hoosiers strong-armed the Falcon offense.

"They were a very aggressive, physical team, overly so at times," Richards said.

Richards said BG played and defended well throughout the first half, but the Hoosiers needed less than 20 seconds to seal the match.

Hoosier Robin Barker scored off a corner kick from teammate Molly Kruger to give IU the lead. Eighteen seconds later, Megan Pipkens scored off a ball from Lindsay McCarthy.

"They scored two goals in 20 seconds," Richards said. "Those mental lapses cost us [dearly]."

The squad, now an even 4-4, will look to shake off Sunday's loss and focus on preparing for Mid-American Conference play, which begins next weekend with games at Northern Illinois and Western Michigan.

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design is different. There can be a slew of reasons."

Boston center fielder Johnny Damon cites better pitching.

"We haven't really faced too many chumps for pitchers this year," he said. "Young guys coming in have got some unbelievable stuff."

Several stars had huge power drops, many because of long-term injuries. San Francisco's Barry Bonds went from 45 to two, Philadelphia's Jim Thome from 42 to seven and St. Louis' Scott Rolen from 34 to five.

Among those players who've been mostly healthy, Seattle's Adrian Beltre has fallen from 48 to 18, the New York Mets' Carlos Beltran from 38 to 15 and Washington's Vinny Castilla from 35 to 12. All three were free agents last winter and switched teams.

Texas has done its part to ensure the home-run average topped 2.0 for the 12th straight season — a figure reached only once in 25 years before the current boom began in 1994. The Rangers have 152 homers at Ameriquest Field,

a record for a home ballpark, and lead the major leagues with 252 overall — 15 shy of the mark Seattle set in 1997.

Bucking the trend are Houston's Morgan Ensberg, who has gone from 10 homers to 35, and Atlanta's Andruw Jones, up from 29 to 50. He's the first major leaguer to reach that level since Thome and Alex Rodriguez in 2002.

"I know they've been saying a lot of stuff about a lot of people using illegal products to make themselves feel strong, but the game is still the same," Jones said. "All the guys still look strong, and there's no doubt in my mind they can still hit home runs, 50, 40 home runs."

Braves general manager John Schuerholz thinks some players look smaller, but added, "It's not scientific at all."

"There may have been some relationship. I have no data on that," he said. "Obviously, all of the supposition is that performance-enhancing drugs allow you to perform at a higher level physically, whether it's speed, arm strength or power."

Crennel being patient

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Despite years of success as an assistant, Crennel was passed over for several head coaching jobs. At times, he wondered if he would ever get his chance.

Crennel, who doesn't regularly wear any of the five Super Bowl rings he earned with New England and the New York Giants, has taken a workman-

like approach in Cleveland. He's preached patience for a team that went 4-12 last season while displaying a quiet confidence the team will gradually improve.

His first victory as a head coach won't change that outlook.

"This week will be the same," he said. "Let's do it right on the practice field and in the classroom, and hopefully we can get it right in the game."

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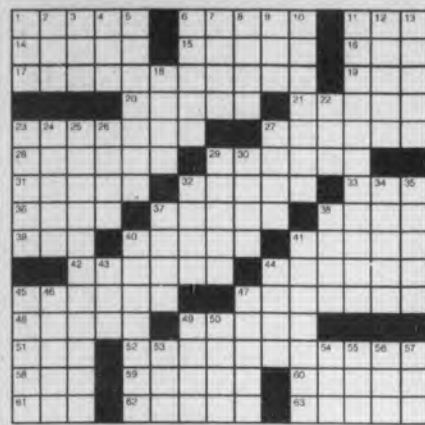
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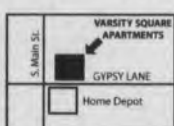
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